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SUBJECT: CHONA'S REMARKS ON LEAVING FOR MOSCOW

1. AT AIRPORT JUST BEFORE EMPLANING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S 52-MAN DELEGATION ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA, SOVIET UNION, YUGOSLAVIA AND IRAN, PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA EXPRESSED HIS REGRET I HAD NOT BRIEFED HIM ON US POLICY TOWARD USSR. HE ALSO MADE SOME INTERESTING COMMENTS ON SOVIET BACKING OF MPLA LEADER, AGUSTINHO NETO.

2. CHONA SURPRISED ME BY ASKING WHY I HAD NOT BRIEFED HIM ON US POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S TRIP TO RUSSIA. SAID I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO RESPOND TO AN INVITATION, BUT SUPPOSED STATE HOUSE INFORMED FROM PUBLIC RECORD ON: SECRETARY'S LATEST VISIT TO MOSCOW; CONTINUING TALKS ON SALT; AND PRESIDENT FORD'S PLANS TO SEE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK NOV 23. CHONA SAID "WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE RUSSIANS THESE DAYS; WE EXPECT SUCH CONFIDENCES COULD BE SHARED AMONG FRIENDS." MY REPLY TO EFFECT AMERICANS AND
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SOVIETS BOTH WORKING HARD AT DETENTE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT

SATISFY CHONA, SO I INQUIRED IF HE FELT AN ON-THE-SPOT BRIEFING IN MOSCOW WOULD BE USEFUL. HE WELCOMED SUGGESTION. WHILE I WONDER IF CHONA OR FONMIN MWAANGA WILL HAVE TIME FOR SUCH A BRIEFING DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE USSR STARTING NOV 20, AN OFFER FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW (IF NO OBJECTIONS PERCEIVED) WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR RELATION HERE.

3. CHONA HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY CRITICAL OF USSR ON GROUNDS SOVIET POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY HAS LITTLE RELEVANCE FOR OR COMPATIBILITY WITH ZAMBIAN HUMANISM, A HOME GROWN VARIETY OF AFRICAN SOCIALISM. (ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO US MWALE LATER CONFIRMED KAUNDA WAS HARD PRESSED TO CONTINUE POSTPONING 1965 INVITATION; TRIP COMES IN MIDST OF HEIGHTENED LUSAKA ACTIVITY WITH INDEPENDANCE MOVEMENTS FROM RHODESIA AND ANGOLA.)

4. I ASKED CHONA IF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SPECIFICALLY FOR NETO OF MPLA, WOULD ARISE DURING MOSCOW VISIT. CHONA INDICATED SOVIETS NO LONGER SOLE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR NETO AS IN PAST. ALSO SAID NETO WAS QUITE AWARE OF SOVIET DESIGNS ON HIM BUT IS NOW LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO THEIR INFLUENCE THAN BEFORE (THIS WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL LINE FED ME BY MY SWEDISH COLLEAGUE WHO HAD MET RECENTLY WITH NETO IN LUSAKA). CHONA ACKNOWLEDGED ZAMBIA HAD RECENTLY SHIFTED ITS VIEWS ON NETO, PUTTING ASIDE IRRITATION WITH HIS PERSONALITY AND TACTICS, RECOGNIZING HE IS TRUE ANGOLAN LIBERATION LEADER WITH SUBSTANTIAL FOLLOWING AND IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN ANY SETTLEMENT WITH PORTUGUESE. SAID THIS REASSESSMENT FORCEFULLY UNDERSCORED AS RESULT OF RECENT TRIP FROM LUSAKA TO LUANDA OF MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LARA IN COMPANY OF ZAMBIAN AND ZAIROIS OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 17.

5. I TOLD CHONA I HEARD NETO WAS REPORTEDLY DRAGGING HIS FEET WITH PORTUGUESE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORMATION OF TRANSITIONAL COALITION GOVERNMENT. CHONA EMPHATICALLY DENIED THIS.

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6. COMMENT: ZAMBIAN SHIFT ON NETO MAY BE RESULT OF PERSUASION FROM TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PUT ASIDE PETTY RESENTMENT OF NETO'S OFFENSIVE METHODS AND MANNERS IN FAVOR OF DEALING PRAGMATICALLY WITH HIM AS EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR ANGOLAN UNIFICATION. HOWEVER THERE ARE MANY UNCLEAR THINGS ABOUT NETO'S FINANCIAL BACKING, HIS REAL INTENTIONS ON KEY ISSUES OF RECONCILING DIFFERENCES WITHIN ANGOLAN LIBERATION

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